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Katherine L. Neville, Ph.D.APPLICANT'S RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111 AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner For Patents
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Dear Sir:

This paper is submitted in response to an Office Action, mailed December 8, 2003 in the above-mentioned application, wherein pending claims 18 and 21-22 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 for assertedly lacking utility. The Examiner further rejected claims 18 and 21-22 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, for assertedly not being described by the specification and for asserted indefiniteness.

In conjunction with submission of this paper, Applicant submits herewith a check in the amount of \$420 and a Petition for a Two-Month Extension of Time. If necessary, the Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any additional fees from Marshall, Gerstein and Borun, LLP account number 13-2855.